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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: NETWORK RELAYING DEVICE AND NETWORK RELAYING

METHOD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 43 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
- 2. Drawings- 5 sheets of drawings containing 7 Figures.
- 3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-287117, filed September 30, 2002.
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 2 documents attached.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$	\$750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	20	-	20		x \$18		
Independent Claims	4	-	3		x \$84		84.00
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-287117, filed September 30, 2002.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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